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Dear Father Jaskievicz:

Thank you for your letter of October 8, 1952, inviting me to speak during the current lecture series being sponsored by the Institute. While I appreciate your thoughtfulness in offering a choice of dates during March, 1953, the nature of this business is such that I cannot make a firm commitment for a date so far in advance. It would be unfair to you to risk a last minute change in the program were I to accept.

I regret most sincerely that I must decline this invitation, especially since it is the second time that I have had to do so, but it is my hope that at some future time I may have the opportunity of speaking at the Institute.

Yours truly,

Walter B. Smith

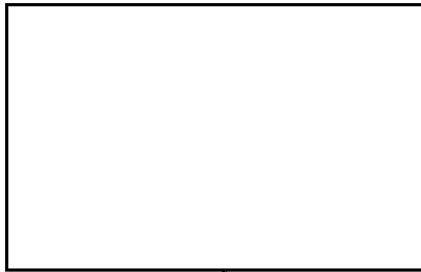
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